



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Set Public Hearing for January 12, 1994, to Discuss Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)

MEETING DATE: December 15, 1993

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council set a public hearing for Wednesday, January 12, 1994, at 7 p.m., to discuss Dibromochloropropane (DBCP).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Lodi currently has a 20-year State Bond Fund loan of just under \$5,000,000 at 3.41% interest for the purpose of resolving the City's DBCP problem. The City has spent, to date, over \$600,000 on one granulated activated carbon (GAC) filter and its design. An additional amount of approximately \$300,000 has been spent on testing, studies, loan interest, and legal fees.

As part of the 1993/94 Capital Improvement Program, staff recommended the installation of a second GAC filter at the new Well 4R, drilled in 1993 at the Reid Electrical Substation located in the industrial area east of Highway 99 and south of Lodi Avenue. In order to take advantage of the low-cost financing available under the State loan, the City Council must make a decision related to proceeding with Well 4R and its need for DBCP treatment.

This Well has both the highest DBCP concentration of any City well and also the highest output capacity (equal to about two normal wells). The estimated cost to install a permanent pump and complete this well site and install the filter is slightly over \$1,000,000. While this is a major expenditure that the City Council wanted to review again, staff feels the City should proceed with the project for a number of reasons:

- **We need another source of supply east of Highway 99 now** - Of the two existing wells in this area, one (Well 10) is out of service due to bacteria and taste/odor problems. We will not be able to place this Well back in service without a major investigative effort and the outcome of such an effort is uncertain. We need capacity to serve potential industry in the area. For example, a computer analysis of the existing system showed that we would have difficulty providing another 1,000 gallons per minute peak flow for a potential user of the Minton Building.
- **We will need other sources of supply east of Highway 99 in the future** - The Water Master Plan calls for an additional six wells in this area to accommodate the buildout of the industrial area and to supply water for the southern residential areas of the City.
- **Low-cost funding is available** - Interest on the State loan is only 3.41%. This is less than we would pay for other new wells even if we borrowed the money internally.

APPROVED

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- The investment we have already made on Well 4R could be wasted - We have spent over \$132,000 on Well 4R and have been reimbursed nearly \$78,000 to June 30, 1993, under the State loan. If we do not use the Well, the State may ask for the money to be repaid immediately.
- Another filter will reduce dependence on marginal wells - With another source of clean water, we can reduce the use of marginal wells and those over the DBCP limit. This provides flexibility in the operating scheme described above and will allow us to maintain this scheme for more time.
- We will be removing DBCP from the groundwater - Removing the high concentrations of DBCP at this site will reduce the amount of DBCP that might migrate to other City wells.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear input from staff, the public, and the DBCP Committee, and for the City Council to either approve the completion of the Well 4R Project or provide other direction to City staff.

More information related to DBCP, State regulations, and our water system operation will be provided prior to the public hearing.

FUNDING: None required.



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SUBJECT: Set Public Hearing for January 12, 1994 to Discuss Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item that is on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, December 15, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

As indicated in the title, the only action will be to set a public hearing date on the item. This public hearing is being set for Wednesday, January 12, 1994, at 7 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

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If you wish to address the Council at the Council meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Jennifer Perrin, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call me at (209) 333-6709.


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MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Public Works Department

To: DBCP Committee
From: Public Works Director
Date: December 20, 1993
Subject: Public Hearing to Discuss Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)

The City Council, at its regular meeting of December 15, 1993, rescinded its earlier action of setting a public hearing for January 12, 1994, to discuss DBCP. The Council felt it was in the City's best interest to postpone this hearing until the City had a chance to meet again with Senator Pat Johnston and Assemblyman Larry Bowler.

The City Council was also encouraged with respect to the progress that Dr. Hoff had made with Dr. Harvey Collins in the Drinking Water Division of the State Department of Health Services.

Therefore, there will not be a public hearing on DBCP on January 12, 1994. This hearing will be rescheduled sometime in the first part of 1994. If you have any questions concerning this change, please contact me.


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